

Appl. No. 10/712,471
Amdt. Dated September 20, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 6, 2006

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office action mailed July 6, 2006. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 14, 17, and 30 remain pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 17 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended herein. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by Japanese Publication No. JP/62-46273 (Ono), and Claims 14 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Ono. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Ono discloses a heat-conducting mount (2) and an equipment-carrying mount (4) disposed on the heat-conducting mount via a support (3). A heat pipe (21) is coupled between the mount (2) and a thermal switch (22) made of a shape memory alloy. Ono discloses that thermal switch (22) couples the mount (4) to the heat pipe (21) when the temperature of the mount (4) decreases below a given value, and disconnects the mount from the heat pipe (21) when the temperature increases above a given value. Hence, it is clear that Ono fails to disclose, or even remotely suggest, first and second thermally conductive contacts, and a link that moves the first thermally conductive contact to at least partially engage the second thermally conductive contact when at least the link is above a predetermined temperature, and to disengage when at least the link is below the predetermined temperature, as is now recited in independent Claims 1 and 17.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §§ 102 and 103 rejections is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Based on the above, independent Claims 1 and 17 are patentable over the citations of record. The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable for the reasons given above

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with respect to the independent claims and because each recite features which are patentable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

The other art of record is also not understood to disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

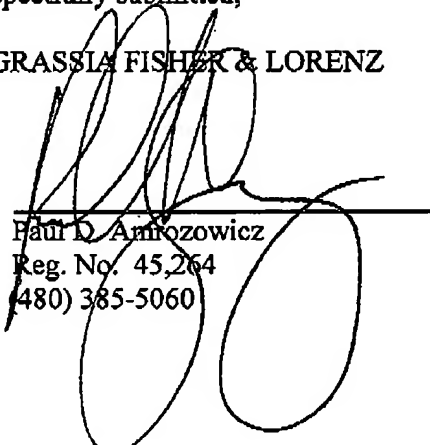
If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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